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**DATE:** October 11, 2021  
**TO:** Youth Tour Directors/Member Services/HR  
**CC:** General Managers  
**FROM:** Alisia Hounshell, Dir. of Communications & Statewide Services  
**SUBJECT:** STATEWIDE'S SPONSORSHIP OF CO-OP EMPLOYEE/BOARD MEMBER'S  
STUDENT, YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON - JUNE 14-19, 2022

FECA is sponsoring a student, who is a child or grandchild of an employee or board member, for the week-long trip to Washington. The winner will tour Washington, D.C., June 14-19, 2022. Students who are currently enrolled as juniors in high school are eligible to enter the contest.

Each contestant must submit an essay, 500 to 1,000 words with the following topic: **Florida's Energy Future for My Generation.** *Explain how electric cooperatives can utilize cleaner energy resources, while adhering to their mission of providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity to their members.* Essays will be judged on content. Impartial judges will be chosen to judge the essays and select a winner. Please have each contestant complete the attached form, along with the essay. All essays should be received by **Friday, January 7, 2022.**

Our goal is to receive applications from every cooperative in Florida this year. Even if your cooperative does not participate in the Washington Youth Tour, you are eligible to participate in this contest. This will be a life changing trip for one student, where they will join with over 1,800 of young people from approximately 30 states, touring historic monuments and museums, learning the legislative process, and just having fun.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, there is a possibility that the 2022 Youth Tour could get cancelled and/or modified to ensure the safety of all involved. If cancelled, we will still strive to provide participating students with a comparable experience in lieu of the in-person program.

Please forward this to your personnel office, department heads, and any other sources that you may have to get the word out. If you are not the correct contact, please forward this to the person who will notify your employees of this contest.

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